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to a specific threat against civil aviation, TSA issues a Security Directive setting forth mandatory measures.

- (1) Each indirect air carrier that is required to have an approved indirect air carrier security program must comply with each Security Directive that TSA issues to it, within the time prescribed in the Security Directive for compliance.
- (2) Each indirect air carrier that receives a Security Directive must comply with the following:
- (i) Within the time prescribed in the Security Directive, acknowledge in writing receipt of the Security Directive to TSA.
- (ii) Within the time prescribed in the Security Directive, specify the method by which the measures in the Security Directive have been implemented (or will be implemented, if the Security Directive is not yet effective).
- (3) In the event that the indirect air carrier is unable to implement the measures in the Security Directive, the indirect air carrier must submit proposed alternative measures and the basis for submitting the alternative measures to TSA for approval.
- (i) The indirect air carrier must submit the proposed alternative measures within the time prescribed in the Security Directive.
- (ii) The indirect air carrier must implement any alternative measures approved by TSA.
- (4) Each indirect air carrier that receives a Security Directive may comment on it by submitting data, views, or arguments in writing to TSA.
- (i) TSA may amend the Security Directive based on comments received.
- (ii) Submission of a comment does not delay the effective date of the Security Directive.
- (5) Each indirect air carrier that receives a Security Directive or Information Circular, and each person who receives information from a Security Directive or Information Circular, must:
- (i) Restrict the availability of the Security Directive or Information Circular, and information contained in either document, to those persons with a need-to-know.
- (ii) Refuse to release the Security Directive or Information Circular, and information contained in either docu-

ment, to persons other than those with a need-to-know without the prior written consent of TSA.

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§1550.1 Applicability of this part.

This part applies to the operation of aircraft for which there are no security requirements in other parts of this subchapter.

§ 1550.3 TSA inspection authority.

- (a) Each aircraft operator subject to this part must allow TSA, at any time or place, to make any inspections or tests, including copying records, to determine compliance with—
- (1) This subchapter and any security program or security procedures under this subchapter, and part 1520 of this chapter; and
- (2) 49 U.S.C. Subtitle VII, as amended.
- (b) At the request of TSA, each aircraft operator must provide evidence of compliance with this part and its security program or security procedures, including copies of records.

§ 1550.5 Operations using a sterile area.

(a) Applicability of this section. This section applies to all aircraft operations in which passengers, crewmembers, or other individuals are enplaned from or deplaned into a sterile area, except for scheduled passenger operations, public charter passenger